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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORT, YE

SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: STATE 171412, 178493

SUMMARY. SUGGEST MESSAGE FOR YAR LEADER RE: KOREA AND PUERTO RICO PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR FAR EAST VISIT AND COLOMBO SUMMIT.

1. YAR DELEGATION AT COLOMBO WILL BE LED BY CHIEF OF STATE, IBRAHIM MOHAMMAD AL-HAMDI, YAR FOREIGN MINISTER, ANDALLAH AL-ASNAJ, WHO RELIED ON HEAVILY BY HAMDI FOR ADVICE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL ACCOMPANY. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN COLOMBO AUGUST 16. (FURTHER TO STATE 171412 ADVANCE MAN, WHO ARRIVING COLOMBO AUGUST 8, WILL BE

AHMED AL-HADDAD. HE IS VERY APPROACHABLE, U.S. EDUCATED AND HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN UN. IN SANA HE IS HEAD OF POLITICAL SECTION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR.)

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2. PRESIDENT HAMDI WILL BE ATTENDING COLOMBO SUMMIT

ON WAY BACK FROM STATE VISIT TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA. WE DO NOT KNOW AT MOMENT WHAT EFFECT THESE VISITS MIGHT HAVE ON HIS EARLIER COMMITMENT TO MOVE YAR FROM COMMUNIST TO ABSTAIN OR ABSENT VOTE ON KOREA VOTE IN UN THIS YEAR. WILL SEE FOREIGN MINISTR BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LATEST READING, BUT BEST GUESS IS THAT ASSIDUOUS COURTING OF YAR BY NORTH KOREA, COMBINED WITH SULING ANGER OF SOUTH KOREANS SINCE YAR PERFORMANCE IN LAST UN VOTE, PUTS INTO QUESTION ARLIER YAR MOCCITMENT TO SHIFT TIS VOTE.

3. WE CANNOT JUDGE FROM HERE HOW IMPORTANT YAR VOTE WILL BE IN UN THIS YEAR, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH EFFORT ON OUR PART TO INCLUDE HAMDI ON LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH, ACCORDING PARA 4 STATE 178493, GET SPECIAL MESSAGES ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. THIS WOULD BE NATURAL SEQUEL TO EFFORTS MADE HERE IN PAST ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

4. HAMDI'S TRIP IS FIRST OUTSIDE ARAB WORLD. IT IS PART OF EFFORT TO ACQUIRE SOME PRESTIGE FROM BEYOND BORDERS OF YEMEN AFTER HAVING CONSOLIDATED HIS POSITION HERE IN LAST TWO YEARS. MESSAGE WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE BECAUSE OF RECOGNITION IT CONFERS ON AMBITIOUS HAMDI. IT COULD RPT COULD LEAD YAR TO RECORD RESERVATIONS TO ANY HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, AND IT MAY SERVE IN SOME MEASURE AS COUNTERWYIGHT TO BLANDISHMENTS AND PRESSURES WHICH PRC AND DPRK WILL INEVITABLY BRING TO BEAR DURING TRIP, WHICH STARTS AUGUST 6.

5. MESSAGE COULD BE EITHER TO HAMDI OR TO ASNAJ. FORMER IS PREFERABLE BUT LATTER IS ALSO GOOD CHANNEL FOR HIGH LEVEL EXPRESSION OF U.S. CONCERN.  
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